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## PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

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### *Quarantine proclamation by the governor of the State of Texas.*

Be it known, that I, S. W. T. Lanham, governor of the State of Texas, by authority vested in me by the laws of this State, do hereby declare that quarantine shall be established on the Gulf coast and Rio Grande border on and after April 1, 1904, and it shall continue until closed by proclamation.

1. Said quarantine shall apply to all vessels, persons, or things coming from places infected with yellow fever, smallpox, bubonic plague, or cholera, and all places south of 25° north latitude shall be considered infected unless proof to the contrary be submitted to the State health officer and special exemption be granted to said places, and persons from such places are prohibited from entering this State within a period of time prescribed by the State health officer.

2. I further declare quarantine against any person or persons infected or liable to be infected with yellow fever, smallpox, bubonic plague, or cholera, either within or without the State, and direct the State health officer and health officers of the counties and towns to establish quarantine around any and all such persons whenever in their opinion it is necessary.

3. The coast quarantine stations shall be governed by the following rules:

(a) Not less than five days must have elapsed from the day of sailing from an infected point before vessel will be allowed to enter the ports of Texas, except fruit vessels and such vessels as have been given written permits to do so.

(b) Vessels arriving outside the bar of Texas ports, with sickness on board at the time of arrival, of either yellow fever, smallpox, bubonic plague, or cholera, must not be brought inside of the bar by the pilots, but must be at once reported to the local quarantine officer, who will at once report same to the State health officer, and he will endeavor to have such vessel ordered to the nearest United States marine-hospital station for treatment.

(c) Vessels from an infected place having had sickness or deaths en route, but having no sickness at the time of arrival, will be disinfected and held seven full days after disinfection under observation before being released, and a longer time if considered necessary by the State health officer.

(d) Vessels from places actually infected, and having been at sea longer than ten days, will be disinfected and held under observation five full days unless special permission is given by the State health officer to enter sooner.

(e) Vessels with cargo or passengers from noninfected places south of 25° north latitude with clean bills of health, and having had no

sickness on board, will be disinfected, and may be released without detention if, in the judgment of the local quarantine officer, it is safe to do so.

(f) Pilots will be detained in quarantine a sufficient time to cover the period of incubation of the disease for which the vessel is quarantined if, in the opinion of the quarantine officer, such pilots have been exposed to infection.

(g) No direct communication will be permitted between any vessel or person in quarantine with any person outside, except with the quarantine officials.

(h) Vessels wishing to engage in the fruit trade will be allowed to do so under special restrictions and regulations governing the same.

4. Vessels or persons detained at any quarantine station or detention camp will be subject to such additional rules and regulations as the State health officer may prescribe.

5. Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed as giving authority to local health and quarantine officials to promulgate regulations which conflict with any regulation established by the governor or the State health officer or to interfere with the movement of the State health and quarantine officials, military, or police officers operating under the direction of the governor or State health officer in quarantine matters.

All officials, military authorities, and citizens of Texas are solicited to assist the quarantine officers in the execution of the above rules, and are earnestly requested to notify the governor of any dereliction of duty by officers or employees or any other facts that will give greater efficiency to the quarantine service.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and have caused the seal of the State to be affixed at the city of Austin, this the 31st day of March, A. D. 1904.

S. W. T. LANHAM, *Governor*.

By the governor.

[SEAL.]

J. R. CURL, *Secretary of State*.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Summary of work in Chinatown, San Francisco, for the week ended April 16, 1904.*

The following is received from Assistant Surgeon Currie, under date of April 18:

*Week ended April 16.*

Buildings reinspected .....	255
Rooms .....	1,881
Persons inspected .....	2,682
Sick .....	17
Sick prescribed for at Oriental Dispensary .....	23
Dead examined .....	14
Necropsies .....	5
Rats examined bacteriologically .....	32
Number showing pest infection .....	None.
Places limed and disinfected .....	428
Times streets swept .....	3
Sewers flushed .....	14
Notices served to abate plumbing nuisances .....	12
Plumbing nuisances abated .....	11
Plumbing nuisances undergoing abatement .....	8
Total number plumbing inspections .....	89